

THE **Nexus** Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE IDAHO LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Idaho's New (ish) State Librarian

At its meeting on August 15, 2019, Idaho's board of library commissioners appointed Stephanie Bailey-White to the role of Idaho state librarian.

The Idaho state librarian serves as the chief executive officer of the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) and is charged with implementing the board of library commissioners' promulgated rules and policies and with managing the operations of the agency. The ICfL is the state's library development agency, which builds the capacity of the more than 850 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Idaho to better serve their communities.

In 1991, Bailey-White joined the state library (now the ICfL), as the agency's public information officer. In 1997, she and a colleague launched the Read to Me early literacy program, which is an initiative that continues to grow and be successful in its goal of helping to ensure the youngest Idahoans are equipped to accomplish their potential.

In 2016, Bailey-White was promoted to deputy state librarian. In that role, Bailey-White served as a member of the ICfL's management team, oversaw the agency's 12-member library development division, and conducted strategic planning for the agency.

As state librarian, Bailey-White hopes to expand partnerships with statewide stakeholders and pursue additional funding opportunities to strengthen the vital role of libraries in Idaho.



Stephanie Bailey-White

"It is truly an honor to be appointed to this role," Bailey-White said. "I am fully committed to the ICfL's mission and inspired on a daily basis by what Idaho library staff are doing to make our state an even better place in which to live and learn."

Bailey-White holds a master's degree in library and information science from Emporia State University and a master's in reading education from Boise State University. Her undergraduate degree is in communications from the University of Idaho.

Idaho's former state librarian, Ann Joslin, retired in May 2019, after 40 years of service. Bailey-White is the 20th state librarian to serve in that position since Idaho's first state librarian was hired in 1901.

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ICfL Board Tour

Each fall, the board members of the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), along with several ICfL staff members, tour a selection of Idaho libraries to gain first-hand knowledge of the exceptional work being done in libraries throughout the Gem State and to find out about the particular challenges and opportunities faced by the libraries and communities they visit.

The following libraries were toured by the group this year:

Latah County Library District, Moscow; West Park Elementary School Library, Moscow; the Genesee, Troy, and Deary Branches of the Latah County Library District; the Tri-Community Branch of the Benewah County District Library in Fernwood; the St. Maries Public Library; and the University of Idaho Library in Moscow. Some staff also visited the Prairie River Library District in Lapwai, the Clearwater Memorial Library in Orofino, and the Lewiston City Library.

A few take-aways from the library visits include:

- Westpark Elementary School Library -- Students achieved dramatic scholastic growth after the school was awarded the ICfL's school library access mini-grant and was able to increase the quantity and caliber of books in the library.
- Latah County Library District, Moscow -- Is the only official Repair Café in Idaho.
- Latah County Library District, Genesee, Troy, and Deary -- The librarians of these branches know their communities and provide the library services and space needed in their areas.
- Benewah County District Library, Tri-Community Branch and Clearwater Memorial Public Library -- Planning exciting growth to better meet their communities' needs.
- And the libraries have enthusiastic and dedicated staff, board members, and, in many cases, friends' groups that greatly contribute to the libraries' success.



St. Maries Public Library



Westpark Elementary School Library
Moscow



Genesee Branch
Latah County Library District



University of Idaho Library
Moscow



Clearwater Public Library
Orofino

Public Library Stats — Due January 1, 2020

Idaho public libraries must submit their annual statistical data to State Data Coordinator Patrick Bodily by January 1, 2020.

Here is some information and examples from Patrick that might help make the process easier.

- Databases are now called "electronic collections."
- Young adult (YA) materials can be a children's circulation or an adult circ, but however the library chooses to count it, be consistent.
- An example regarding attendance: Say you have five children, two moms, and a teenager attend a storytime. That would be an attendance of eight for the children's program.
- Regarding registered borrowers -- generally, you will not have more users than people who live in your area. But, if a person has a second home in your area, for library purposes, that can count if they can prove their address. A good way to prove an address is to offer to mail the patron a postcard. To keep your addresses current, purge every three years.
- "Outlets" = location.
- Be consistent from year to year regarding how you classify staff (as full-time or part-time). But that information can change. For example, OCLC charges based on full-time equivalent (FTE), so you want your FTE to be accurate.
- An ILL is different than a rotating collection. If a library has a rotating collection in their library on September 30, they count it in their collection.
- New this year -- trustee information is being requested (their name, preferred mailing address, and term expiration date). This information is only for mailing purposes. That info will NOT be published online or in the final report.
- Also new at the federal level, it is being requested that visits to public library websites be tracked. If you need help determining this number and your library utilizes the Idaho Commission for Libraries' (ICfL) E-Branch program, contact the ICfL's new web specialist, Doug Baker, at 208-334-2150. If your library is not an E-Branch library, contact the ICfL's Patrick Bodily at 208-525-7211 for help tracking website visits.
- DO NOT use the Edge web browser for completing/submitting your stats. (Patrick says you might break the internet.)



Deputy State Librarian

In October, Tammy Hawley-House accepted the position of deputy state librarian for the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL). With her 20 years of experience within the Idaho library community, plus the great work she has done at the ICfL as a consultant in the youth services and continuing education arenas, Tammy brings a wealth of experience to the role of deputy state librarian.



Tammy Hawley-House

As a member of the ICfL's management team, Tammy contributes to the development and evaluation of the agency's strategic plan, policies, etc., including personnel, annual budget, and assignments. She coordinates the planning and evaluation of statewide development programs. Tammy also hires, coaches, and evaluates consultant and program staff and represents the interests of the Idaho library community to state and national policymakers.



The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) is actively listening to your comments, suggestions, ideas, complaints, and kudos -- in person, virtually, and in other ways. Plus, you can submit feedback anytime via the form on this webpage: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/listening/> or by email to: listening@libraries.idaho.gov.

All feedback may be submitted anonymously. Or, if you would like a response, please include your name and email address. The ICfL would like to hear from any trustee, any library staff member (not only the director), from any type of library.

ILA's Librarian of the Year

Hailey Public Library Director LeAnn Gelskey was named the 2019 Librarian of the Year by the Idaho Library Association (ILA). Gelskey earned the honor, in part, for her wide-ranging efforts to expand and celebrate library programs in Blaine County and around the state.



ICfL vs. ILA: Two Distinct Organizations — Both Support Idaho Libraries

By ICfL Library Consultant Kevin Tomlinson

What follows is a brief clarification and summary of the similarities and distinctions between the Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Idaho Library Association. Although both organizations support libraries in Idaho, each in its own way, the missions and structures of the two are quite different.

[The Idaho Commission for Libraries](#) (ICfL) is a state agency, established in 1901, with a mission to assist libraries to build the capacity to better serve their communities. The ICfL employs 37 staff members who work to fulfil this mission through library development, the Talking Book Service, and administration and support. The ICfL is funded with state dollars and federal Library Services and Technology Act ([LSTA](#)) funds administered through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Each state in the nation, along with U.S. Territories, administers LSTA grants to state through a State Library Agency, and the ICfL serves that function for Idaho. The ICfL also accepts contributions from individuals and corporations. As a tax-funded agency, the ICfL does not provide legal advice and does not lobby.

With these funding sources, the ICfL is able to assist Idaho's libraries with many services including broadband access, STEM programming, literacy programs, summer reading support, books for those with physical limitations, book discussion kits and speakers, monetary grants, and vendor discounts for underserved communities. In addition, the ICfL offers resource-sharing and cataloging services, the Libraries Linking Idaho (LILI) databases and services, website solutions for libraries, library development and consulting services for public and school library staff and trustees, the [STACKS] repository, and publications and newsletters designed to inform and educate those working in and supporting libraries.

The ICfL sponsors many continuing education opportunities throughout the year including monthly webinars, face-to-face trainings, funding to send library staff and trustees to library-related conferences and for group training events, and also provides grants for those pursuing library science courses. A fact sheet with an overview of services and programs, along with the ICfL contacts for each, may be found at <https://libraries.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/ICfL-Programs-and-Services-FactSheet-20191121.pdf>.

The Board of Library Commissioners is the designated policymaking body for ICfL. The five commissioners are appointed by Idaho's Governor and include one from the northern part of the state, one from the eastern part of the state, one from the southwestern part of the state, and one from each of the state's two congressional districts.

Idaho Commission for Libraries staff members can share information about the ICfL at board or staff meetings. Public Information Officer Donna Eggers can also answer any question you have about the ICfL over the phone at 208-639-4183 or via email at donna.eggers@libraries.idaho.gov.

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The **Idaho Library Association (ILA)** was founded in 1915. ILA's activities have varied over the years, but always focused on supporting the role of Idaho libraries. ILA's current activities include:

- Maintaining relationships with library leaders and state politicians and policymakers
- Scholarships for Idaho librarians to pursue advanced educational opportunities
- Library professional development activities across the state
- Leadership development programs
- Opportunities for librarian networking, collaboration, and communication
- Working with a legislative liaison to monitor and advocate for library legislation

Each year during the first week of October, the ILA hosts its annual conference. This is an opportunity for library staff and trustees to attend informative sessions, network with colleagues from other organizations, meet and talk to Idaho legislators, learn from carefully selected keynote speakers about topics important to libraries, and interact with vendors of goods and services of interest to libraries.

In addition to its annual conference, the ILA hosts regional spring conferences around the state, providing additional opportunities for learning, sharing, and networking.

The ILA also offers [LibIdaho](#), a free email discussion list for people interested in all aspects of libraries and librarianship in Idaho. Membership is not limited to librarians, Idaho residents, or ILA members, but the list will probably be of greatest interest and value to those who are working in libraries in Idaho.

Each year, the Idaho Library Association presents its Idaho Library Awards, including:

Idaho Public Library of the Year, Librarian of the Year, Trustee of the Year,
School Librarian of the Year, Library Friend of the Year, Legislator of the Year,
Special Services to Libraries Award, Paraprofessional of the Year, and Book of the Year

ILA also sponsors two annual \$600 scholarships for those pursuing formal education opportunities.

The Library Leadership Advisory Committee (LiLAC) is a collaborative effort between the Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Idaho Library Association to support activities which promote leadership development among all members of the library community. LiLAC publishes a quarterly newsletter.

The current president of the ILA is Kate Lovan, Director of the Middleton Public Library. Kate welcomes any questions about the ILA. Her email is: klovan@mymiddletonlibrary.org. The ILA is always looking for people who are interested in supporting the organization by volunteering to serve on a committee or by supporting the organization with membership dues.

SAVE THE DATE



We're Listening

online (via Zoom)

January 9, 2020 -- 10 - 11 a.m. MST

February 11, 2020 -- 7 - 8 p.m. MST

May 6, 2020 -- 10 - 11 a.m. MDT

For more, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/listening/>

ICfL Public Library Directors' Summit

March 12 - 13, 2020 in Boise

Jump Start Kindergarten program

open for requests through June 30, 2020

For more, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/jumpstart/>

ILA Trustee Day

At its annual conference this year, the Idaho Library Association (ILA) held the first Trustee Day, which was comprised of a track of sessions designed specifically for trustees. This initial Trustee Day is slated to be the first in a three-year pilot. Start planning for next year -- the ILA annual conference will be in Idaho Falls in early October 2020.



WebJunction has great library-related webinars (live and recorded), self-paced courses, training materials, and more. Visit: <https://www.webjunction.org>. You will be asked to create a free account. The website includes monthly calendars of upcoming webinars. You can also select content by topic area.

Painting Donated to East Bonner

A scenic oil painting by artist Edward Willis Redfield was recently donated to the East Bonner County Library District in Sandpoint by its current owners, Walter and Phyllis Mott. The painting, which is 4 feet by 3 feet, is housed on the second floor of the library in the south computer alcove.

Redfield was commissioned by Walter C. Teagle, who was president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at the time. Redfield completed the untitled painting in 1923. The painting captures a snowy bluff with bare deciduous trees and evergreens overlooking a calm waterway. It is purported that the view depicted in the painting is one from the Teagle home on the Long Island Sound in Connecticut.



11 Public Libraries in Idaho Received Grant from Google for Workforce Development

Eleven public libraries throughout Idaho were selected to each receive a \$1,000 grant from Libraries Lead with Digital Skills, an initiative of the American Library Association and the Public Library Association, sponsored by Grow with Google.

The goal of the initiative is to ensure that public libraries across the nation receive ongoing access to free tools and resources to help Americans grow their skills, careers, and businesses.

The Idaho libraries that received the grant are: Caldwell Public Library; Challis Public Library; Community Library Network (Post Falls); Garden Valley District Library; Hagerman Public Library; Hailey Public Library; Lewiston City Library; Middleton Public Library; Nampa Public Library; Oneida County Library (Malad); and the Portneuf Free Library District (Chubbuck).

Idaho's newly awarded libraries will integrate Grow with Google programs into events or ongoing workshops to address the needs of their communities.

The \$1,000 grants can be used by the libraries to continue or expand services and programs related to workforce development. In addition to the funding, awardees will receive marketing support, technical guidance, advocacy tools, and a community of practice -- with the goal of drawing attention to the services libraries provide.

Grow with Google is an initiative to help create economic opportunities for all Americans. In 2019, Grow with Google made a commitment to deliver free, in-person workshops for job seekers, small businesses, and library staff in all 50 states. As the tour progresses to each state, applications will open for libraries seeking Libraries Lead with Digital Skills funding. For tour dates, application deadlines and lists of each state's awardees, visit ala.org/pla/initiatives/google. Follow the conversation at #LibrariesLead and #GrowWithGoogle @LibraryPolicy and @PLALibrary.





Kanopy Comes to Libraries

Some libraries in Idaho have joined the Kanopy film streaming service, which features classic and world cinema, indie films, and top documentaries. There is also Kanopy Kids, which has movies, television, and educational videos.

To check it out, visit: <https://www.kanopy.com/about-us/libraries>.

ESSENTIAL CINEMA FOR YOUR LIBRARY

Give your members convenient access to the films that move people. Kanopy offers access to a large, curated catalog of educational, entertaining, and enriching films.

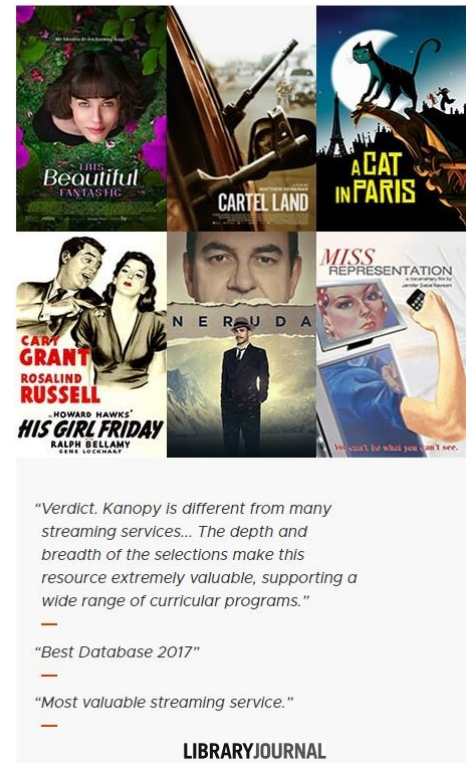
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Librarians can customize a dedicated website where members can watch films anytime, anywhere, on any device. With our simple admin dashboard, librarians can view analytics and adjust budget settings to ensure they meet community demands.

We are proud our database is consistently rated as an industry leader in terms of technology, quality of content, and customer service. Kanopy is empowering libraries with easy access to invaluable educational tools—enrich your library today.



1,000 Books Celebrated in Donnelly

Director Sherry Scheline of the Donnelly Public Library District threw a party when avid reader Holly hit 1,000 -- books read. The youngster even got to choose the unicorn theme and invite friends and family to celebrate her accomplishment. Scheline and the library staff will throw a party for every kid in the small community who reaches the 1,000 mark.



Why didn't I think of that?

Meridian Library District

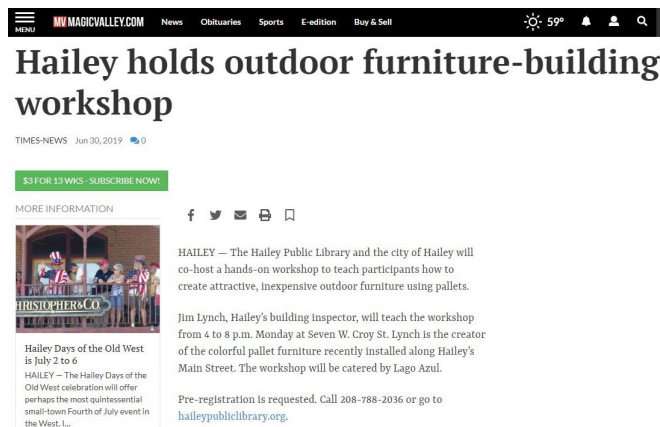


Memory Care Kits

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- Birdwatching
- Farm Life
- Gardening
- Pets
- Travel
- and more

Hailey Public Library



Hailey holds outdoor furniture-building workshop

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MORE INFORMATION

HAILEY — The Hailey Public Library and the city of Hailey will co-host a hands-on workshop to teach participants how to create attractive, inexpensive outdoor furniture using pallets.

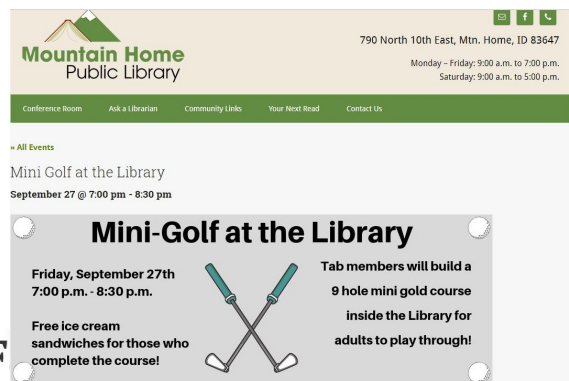
Jim Lynch, Hailey's building inspector, will teach the workshop from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Seven W. Croy St. Lynch is the creator of the colorful pallet furniture recently installed along Hailey's Main Street. The workshop will be catered by Lago Azul.

Pre-registration is requested. Call 208-788-2036 or go to haileypubliclibrary.org.

Rochester Public Library (rural Minnesota)

Offers “speed friending” --
a platonic version of speed dating.

Mountain Home Public Library



Mountain Home Public Library

790 North 10th East, Mtn. Home, ID 83647

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Conference Room Ask a Librarian Community Links Your Next Read Contact Us

Mini-Golf at the Library

September 27 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mini-Golf at the Library

Friday, September 27th
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Free ice cream sandwiches for those who complete the course!

Tab members will build a 9 hole mini gold course inside the Library for adults to play through!

Twin Falls Public Library

Classic Movie Club at Twin Falls Public Library

Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Twin Falls Public Library

Free

<http://www.tfpl.org>

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Want to watch and talk about great old movies? We'll introduce you to a new underappreciated classic film each month - and be on hand to lead a discussion on its finer points! Please call 208-733-2964 Ext. 200 for more information.

All Library programs and events are free and open to the public.

CoLibri Book Cover System

One of the vendors at the Idaho Library Association's (ILA) annual conference this year was CoLibri Cover System. Their representative showed off the system, which gives a book a sleek, clean, wrinkle and bubble free cover in 20 seconds. With this system, each cover gets a custom fit with covers that are non-toxic, recyclable, durable, and removable. For more information and training videos, visit: <https://www.colibriusa.com>.

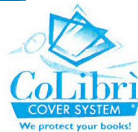


CoLibri Covering Machines

e-Leonardo System **\$759.00**

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Welding Bar **\$70.00**
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CoLibri Systems North America 2019 Price List

www.colibriusa.com/shop

Covers	Thickness	Quantity (Per Box)	Size	1-9 Boxes (Per Box)	10+ Boxes (Per Box)
Mini / Small	3.5 mil	250	13" x 9 3/4"	\$244.00	\$195.20
Standard / Med	3.5 mil	250	19 3/8" x 12 5/8"	\$249.00	\$199.20
Big / Large	3.5 mil	125	24 3/4" x 16 7/8"	\$138.00	\$110.40
Mini / Small	Crystal 3.5 mil	250	13" x 9 3/4"	\$259.00	\$207.20
Standard / Med	Crystal 3.5 mil	250	19 3/8" x 12 5/8"	\$264.00	\$211.20
Big / Large	Crystal 3.5 mil	125	24 3/4" x 16 7/8"	\$159.00	\$127.20
Mini / Small	4.7 mil	200	13" x 9 3/4"	\$229.00	\$183.20
Standard / Med	4.7 mil	200	19 3/8" x 12 5/8"	\$234.00	\$187.20
Big / Large	4.7 mil	100	24 3/4" x 16 7/8"	\$133.00	\$106.40

2020 Census -- Coming Soon

Beginning on March 12, 2020, the Census Bureau will mail every household in the U.S. an invitation to respond to the census by phone, on a paper questionnaire, or online, which is the method being encouraged. The online responses will be encrypted. It will take about 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Census responses are confidential.

The census is key to the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding to states and localities.

Libraries can help bridge the digital divide -- so everyone gets counted.

For a census flyer that can be shared with library staff and patrons, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/Census2020-flyr-final.pdf>.

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The Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI) website has a new look. Check it out at: <https://lili.org>. To find upcoming LiLi webinars, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/event/> or for recordings of previous LiLI webinars, go to: <http://guides.lili.org/LiliTutorials/Archives>.

If you need LiLI promotional swag, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/icfl/lili-promo-materials>.

For a LiLI brochure or flyer, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/continuing-education/brochures-flyers/>.

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Contact Info Changes?

If you have changes to the contact information for your library and/or trustees, please let Tina Schilling at the ICfL know.

Email Tina at: tina.schilling@libraries.idaho.gov or call the ICfL at: 208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271.

Update -- ICfL's Internship Grant (Will Return in 2020!)

Last summer, the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) piloted a library intern grant program with the goal of highlighting the library field as an attractive career option to the next generation of Idaho's workforce.

Nine public libraries from around the Gem State were selected to receive a \$1,000 grant in 2019. The preexisting knowledge and skillsets of the interns varied, but many of them reported similar experiences with such things as their changing perceptions of library work. Initially, the interns thought the job consisted mostly of shelving books, but after experiencing the work, they understood the depth and breadth of what it takes to run a library -- from collection management and program creation, to media relations and community engagement. And so much more!



The ICfL is excited to reveal that public libraries will be able to apply for the summer intern grant in 2020. Look for the full announcement in January. The grant applications will be due in mid-February. This program will allow for project-based experience for the intern and includes mentoring from library staff.

Communications Corner

THANK YOU to the libraries that participated in our survey of the library community. We received responses from all types of libraries and all areas of the state. We will share the results soon, along with the ways we will implement the things that were requested.



In 2020, this “**Nexus**” newsletter will have a **NEW LOOK** and come out **MORE OFTEN!**
(Every other month.)

Email Donna Eggers your stories, photos, etc., at:
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